

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-1142**

**Cooper's School #6**

**1012 Armacost Road**

**Parkton, Baltimore County**

**Ca. 1860**

**Private**

Cooper's School #6 is located at 1012 Armacost Road in Election District Seven in Baltimore County. The vernacular stone school, which was converted to a residence in 1977, was constructed circa 1860. Although known as Cooper's School #6, the building was also known as Armacost School and later as the Pentecostal Church after the school board sold the property in 1930. Presumably the architecture firm of Dixon and Dixon, headed by Thomas Dixon, constructed Cooper School #6 as a one-room schoolhouse circa 1860, on property previously owned by the Armacost family, who owned numerous parcels in the area in the second half of the 19th century. The building was one of numerous schools designed in the 1860s and 1870s by the architecture firm of Dixon and Dixon, known for their design of rural vernacular schoolhouses.

The one-story vernacular stone building, which faces west, sits on a stone foundation with two evenly spaced single-leaf wooden paneled doors with lights and square-edged wooden surrounds. The building is rectangular in shape with a front-gabled asphalt-shingled roof that is detailed with overhanging eaves and a boxed wooden cornice, and a rebuilt stretcher brick interior end chimney. The side elevations feature two 1/1-vinyl windows with wooden vertical board shutters and square-edged surrounds and sills. A circa 1978 one-and-a-half-story addition, clad in vertical board siding, extends the building three bays to the north. It features an inset porch supported by wood posts, three gabled dormers on the façade and a shed dormer on the rear. Two octagonal vinyl multi-light windows light the attic story. The building, which is now converted into a residence, sits on a landscaped lot with mature trees, shrubs and a paved drive on the north side of Armacost Road. A non-historic circa 1980s barn is located to the east of the dwelling.

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## 1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic	Cooper's School #6 (historic, preferred); Armacost School (historic)
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other	Something Special (current)
<p>1. <b>What is the purpose of the program?</b></p> <p>2. <b>What are the goals of the program?</b></p> <p>3. <b>What are the objectives of the program?</b></p> <p>4. <b>What are the outcomes of the program?</b></p> <p>5. <b>What are the results of the program?</b></p> <p>6. <b>What are the impacts of the program?</b></p> <p>7. <b>What are the benefits of the program?</b></p> <p>8. <b>What are the challenges of the program?</b></p> <p>9. <b>What are the risks of the program?</b></p> <p>10. <b>What are the opportunities of the program?</b></p>	<p>1. <b>What is the purpose of the program?</b></p> <p>2. <b>What are the goals of the program?</b></p> <p>3. <b>What are the objectives of the program?</b></p> <p>4. <b>What are the outcomes of the program?</b></p> <p>5. <b>What are the results of the program?</b></p> <p>6. <b>What are the impacts of the program?</b></p> <p>7. <b>What are the benefits of the program?</b></p> <p>8. <b>What are the challenges of the program?</b></p> <p>9. <b>What are the risks of the program?</b></p> <p>10. <b>What are the opportunities of the program?</b></p>

## 2. Location

street and number	1012 Armacost Road	not for publication
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city, town	Parkton	X_ vicinity
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county	Baltimore County
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### 3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

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name Douglas M. Maben and Sharon L. Brock

street and number	1012 Armacost Road	telephone	410-343-0981
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city, town	Parkton	state	Maryland	zip code	21120-9436
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#### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Baltimore County Courthouse	liber	Unknown	folio	Unknown
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city, town	Towson	tax map 16	tax parcel 146	tax ID number	1700013394
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## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other:

## 6. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Current Function</b>	<b>Resource Count</b>
___district	___public	___agriculture	Contributing      Noncontributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___landscape	___1___ buildings
___structure	___both	___commerce/trade	___ sites
___site		___defense	___ structures
___object		<u>X</u> domestic	___ objects
		___education	___ Total
		___funerary	
		___government	
		___health care	
		___industry	
		___recreation/culture	
		___religion	
		___social	
		___transportation	
		___work in progress	
		___unknown	
		___vacant/not in use	
		___other:	
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
			1

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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A non-historic circa 1980s barn, located to the east of the dwelling, features a side-gabled asphalt-shingled roof with central pyramidal cupola and boxed wood cornice. The barn now used as a garage is clad in pressed vertical board and is accessed by two double-leaf pressed vertical board doors. The building features a one-story shed addition on both the side and rear elevations.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** 1860 ca. **Architect/Builder** Thomas Dixon, designer

**Construction dates** 1860 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Presumably the architecture firm of Dixon and Dixon, headed by Thomas Dixon, constructed Cooper School #6 as a one-room schoolhouse circa 1860, on property previously owned by the Armacost family, who owned numerous parcels in the area in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The architecture firm of Dixon and Dixon designed the Baltimore County Courthouse in Towson under the name of Dixon and Baldwin.<sup>1</sup> The one-room schoolhouse served the northern Baltimore County area from its location near York Road, a major thoroughfare connecting Baltimore and Pennsylvania. The building was one of numerous schools designed in the 1860s and 1870s by the architecture firm of Dixon and Dixon, known for their design of rural vernacular schoolhouses.

The school is located near the late-19<sup>th</sup>-century trade and shipping center known as Parkton, which appears on maps as early as 1850. This community proved instrumental for the development of the rich agricultural region. The town was laid out just to the west of York Road, which featured many popular travelers' stops. Prior to the organization of turnpikes in Baltimore County, many of the county's roads were considered unfit for use. Earlier efforts to incorporate turnpike companies originated from the county government, yet, by the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, efforts to create better roads emanated from the state government's efforts to better serve the growing rural population. This action resulted in the laying of a road from Baltimore, Maryland to York, Pennsylvania that would replace the winding, indirect Old York Road.<sup>2</sup> The privately organized York Turnpike Company was incorporated in 1805. Work on the new road ceased in 1810, when the thirty-five miles of road from Baltimore to the Pennsylvania Line was completed. This route soon became one of the primary north/south corridors in Baltimore County.

<sup>1</sup> Patrick Gilbert. "Bond School: One Room Many Memories." Sun. June 27, 1993. P. 1B. See also Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, *A History of Baltimore County*, Towson, MD, (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), p. 134.

<sup>2</sup> Sherry H. Olson, *Baltimore: The Building of an American City* (Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997), p.172; see also S. B. Clemens and C. E. Clemens, *From Marble Hill to Maryland Line: An Informal History of Northern Baltimore County* (np: C. E. and S. B. Clemens, 1976), p.10.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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Parkton is located in the Seventh Election District in the northern part of Baltimore County. The district was one of the largest and most populated regions of the county in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, which had an area of 59.93 square miles and a population of 3,074 by 1870. It is bounded on the north by Pennsylvania, the south by the Eighth District, the east by Harford County, and the west by the Fifth and Sixth Districts. Arable fields for plantings of wheat, corn, oats, and fruits supported the district. It was known for its dairy production and the breeding of cattle. In addition, the waterpower of the Gunpowder Falls and its tributaries supported numerous farms and mills throughout the district.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>3.14 Acres</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>Unknown</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>New Freedom</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24,000</u>

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Cooper's School #6 in Baltimore County, near Parkton, has been historically associated with the property at 1012 Armacost Road, as noted on Tax Map 12, Parcel 146 and in deed reference Liber 12659 Folio 464, since its construction circa 1860.

## 11. Form Prepared by

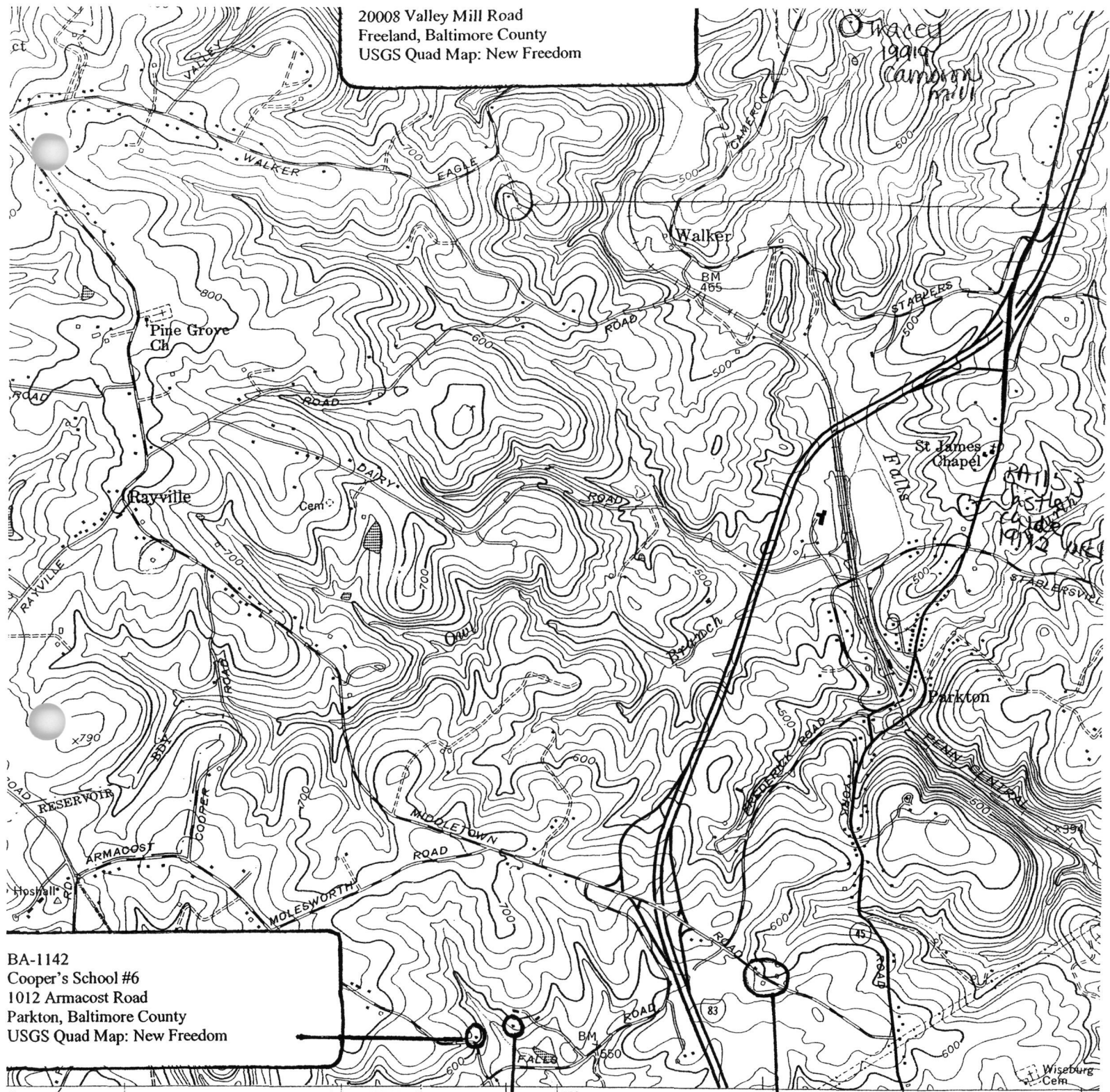
name/title	J. Bunting and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Traceries, Inc.	date	March 26, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street, NW	telephone	(202)393-1199
city or town	Washington, DC	state	

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

20008 Valley Mill Road  
Freeland, Baltimore County  
USGS Quad Map: New Freedom



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1012 Armacost Road  
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BA-0911  
Old Cooper House  
1003 Old Barn Road  
Parkton, Baltimore County  
USGS Quad Map: New Freedom

BA-1206  
Frederick House  
18429 Middletown Road  
Parkton, Baltimore County  
USGS Quad Map: New Freedom

GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
GRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the  
Survey from aerial photographs taken 1974  
information not field checked.

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DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



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MD SHPO  
School, south elevation, view looking North  
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MD SHPO

School, southeast corner, view looking Northwest

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School, southwest corner, view looking Northeast

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COOPER'S SCHOOL NO. 6 - 1860 - No. 1012 Armacost Road (north side), 0.12 mile north of Bunker Hill Road. Stone building, gable-roofed with cedar single roofing material. Vernacular style; probably from a Thomas Dixon design. Double front doors topped by demi-lunes. It had also been called Armacost School. Sold by School Board in 1930 and adapted as a Pentacostal Church. Acquired in 1977 for residential purposes. Former owners: Mr. and Mrs. Alex Whitlow.